

# Fox Valley Knitters' Guild *NEWS*

A newsletter by and for FVKG members

May 2018

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, it's that time again. The end of the Guild year BUT NOT THE END OF THE FUN. Stay tuned for lots of fun things happening over the summer as our new board REALLY hits the ground running!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing board for all their hard work and effort for the last two years. Not only did the guild benefit from their work, but I also did, as their stepping up and covering for me allowed me to focus on the bizarre flurry of medical issues I faced this entire year. I don't know that I can thank them adequately for their moral support when I got more than a little discouraged. They are truly wonderful women.

I know Jenny and her new board will do a terrific job going forward, and I look forward to hearing all about it. I won't be around too much this next year, as I'm heading off on an exciting challenge. Two years ago, I was introduced to rigid heddle weaving.....and got completely hooked. Now, three looms later, and after talking to and corresponding with, many other RH weavers, I discovered that there's no real cohesive group out there for this type of loom. And what do you do if you can't find one? Well of course, you start one! So that's what I'll be doing: teaching weaving and collecting folks to create a Rigid Heddle Guild. If any of you is interested, please let me know and I'll be happy to schedule you for a class. (It's free!) I provide the loaner loom and show you how to warp up and in less than three hours you can be halfway through weaving a scarf!

Just one last reminder that the May meeting is our annual potluck and stash sale. This is always a fun event and a wonderful way to make room in your stash storage!

Lauren

### CONGRATULATIONS

To Our New Guild Board for 2018-2019!

President	Jenny Bezingue
Vice Presidents	Gretchen Gibbons Christine Rachke Teri Denault
Secretaries	Jody Nye Jennie Wagner
Treasurer	Jane Gabrielse
Membership	Sandy Smith
Communications	Barb Young
Hospitality	Laurie Anne Maska

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FVKG currently meets the second Wednesday of each month, September through May, in the Fellowship Hall of the St. Charles Episcopal Church in St. Charles. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

### 2018 Meeting Date:

May 09, 2018

**St. Charles Episcopal Church**  
**994 N 5th Ave.**  
**St. Charles, IL**

**Time: 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

## 2018 FVKG SPEAKERS/VENDORS

### Anticipated Programs

2018	SPEAKER	TOPIC	VENDOR
May 9	Stash Sale Mystery Shawls Revealed	End-Of-Year Pot Luck	Membership

### HOSPITALITY NOTE FOR THE MEETING:

Please bring a dish to pass for our May meeting. Either sweet or savory and if you prefer to get together with others to bring a main dish, like the high-roller sandwiches at our December party, that would be great. If anyone is planning on going together to bring a main dish, I would appreciate an email to be sure we don't have too much of the same thing. Also, bring a serving spoon or fork for your dish. Thanks

**BRIDGET CHRISTIANSON**

### PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT:



#### FROM THE 2017-2018 PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

We are **SO** looking forward to seeing all of the gorgeous shawls our Guild members have created using the first-ever Fox Valley Knitter's Guild Mystery Knit Along pattern! **Please remember to bring your shawl to the May meeting**, as a **small prize** will be awarded to **every knitter** who participated in this MKAL, **regardless of whether your shawl is finished!**

There will be anonymous voting for favorites at this meeting, and the knitters of the three shawls garnering the most votes will be going home with some lovely prizes. However, there will also be smaller prizes awarded for bringing a completed shawl to the meeting, as well as works-in-progress. We will be snapping photos of shawls and knitters at the meeting as well, so look forward to seeing yourself splashed all over our Facebook page. Just kidding – we never post photos without permission unless they are strictly from a distance so that no specific details can be gleaned. ;)

Our May meeting will consist of the Annual Potluck, as described by the Hospitality Committee elsewhere in this newsletter; our Member Stash Sale, also described elsewhere in this newsletter; as well as our voting for favorite shawls and a Show and Tell of all recent member projects. Please remember to wear your nametag, as we have many new members this year and are still putting names with faces!

Our May meeting can be summed up in these few words: Vote! Shop! Eat! Chat! Knit!

Thank you to all of our amazing members who have made the 2017-2018 Guild year a wonderful adventure in knitting and friendship! <3

**JANET GOIER.....MARGE CLARK.....CHRISTY BECKER**

## THE GREAT GUILD STASH SALE

This exciting time is almost here. The **May** meeting is when our members bring yarns, needles, books and knitting related stuff to sell. There are quality finds at bargain prices! And, you can clean out your yarn stash and make room for some glorious new finds that really are your color or you know just what you want to make with it, or you will!

Bring appropriate change and small bills. This will make the evening easier for everyone. If you are bringing a lot and have a portable table pack it too. We will have extra tables set up, but we may need more display area than we anticipated. Thank you.

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2. All the yarns and books, etc. need your name and price on them. They will all be put on tables and members will shop, eat, look at the finished shawls of our MKAL and find the sellers to pay them. Wearing your name tag really helps! Your labels may include information about the yarn (e.g. name of the yarn, yardage, etc.) and the retail price if you like. Just make sure your name and your price are on everything you are selling. If possible estimated yardage and weight if there is no label.

At the end of the night, you will count up all your sales. and give the guild 10% of your sales. All the money the guild collects will go into the program budget to bring you more wonderful programs next year!



### For Sale by Christy

I am ready to send my sets of Knitters Magazine and Interweave Knits to their next home.

Knitters Magazine from the Premier Issue in 1984 through at least Fall of 2013, (117 issues I think). Almost 30 years of knitting history, stories, techniques, patterns and personalities can be yours for \$40.00--less than 35 cents an issue. I plan to bring them to the meeting or could consider delivery.

My Interweave Knits collection of 20+years starts with the Premier Issue in Fall 1996 and goes through Winter 2017 with several special publications, too. There are 90 magazines filled with great articles and patterns. \$30.00 for the collection. Delivery is possible.

And, a collection of Vogue and Piecework and other knitting magazines. Over 65 magazines for \$10.00.

## SAVE THE DATES:

### WORLDWIDE KNIT IN PUBLIC DAY IS ON SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018 (WOOL & CO. COURTYARD)

Wool and Co. in St. Charles has invited the Fox Valley Knitting Guild to join them in the courtyard to knit in public. Grab a lawn chair and a friend, and come out and knit! Stay tuned for further details, including the times.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2018, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM (BATAVIA PUBLIC LIBRARY)**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2018, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM (BATAVIA PUBLIC LIBRARY)**

Join us at the Batavia Public Library, 10 S Batavia Ave, Batavia, IL 60510. Even though we don't have regularly scheduled meetings during the summer, we are hosting a couple of events at the Batavia Library to still get together and knit. There will not be a formal meeting or presentation, just a chance to get together and knit with friends.

We will also have 3 knit-alongs during the summer months. You can choose to do one, two or all three! For those who fell in love with brioche during our MKAL this Spring, there is Brioche for Beginners by Emma Galati; the Colorful Day Cowl designed by Emily Parson with a Sophie's Toes Sock Yarn "Magic Ball" –another great way to use stash; and the Honey Cowl by Ann Maria, mentioned by Leading Men Fiber Arts during the spring meeting. All three of the patterns are available on Ravelry as free downloads. Please print any copies you will need. If you don't have access to the internet or to a printer, we will have a handful of copies available to you at the May meeting.

### SUMMER FLING, AUGUST 18, 2018 (BATAVIA PUBLIC LIBRARY)

This daylong event will also be held at the Batavia Public Library and reservations will be required to attend. Details will be coming soon via an e-blast!

**GRETCHEN GIBBONS  
CHRISTINE RACHKE  
TERI DENAULT**

#### FVKG Treasurer's Report

#### As of February 2018

Beginning Balance	\$2,761.40
Deposits—Membership	360.00
Expenses	
Rent	150.00
Membership	204.25
Program	<u>173.41</u>
	527.66
Closing Balance	\$2,929.06



## MEMBER SUBMISSION:

Below is a description of a charity organization that makes pet mats for local animal shelters. I suggest that we consider this for a summer charity project, and that Comfort for Critters is always looking for yarn donations.

**LINDA MARRA**

### COMFORT FOR CRITTERS HELPS SHELTER PETS IN UNIQUE WAY!

*February 24, 2018 (Glen Ellyn, IL)* - - - Comfort for Critters, which began by supporting just one animal shelter in Wheaton, IL has now delivered over 54,000 handmade blankets to animal shelters. All their blankets are shipped, free of charge, to over 200 shelters across the US.

Comfort for Critters is a non-profit which creates hand-made blankets for pets living in animal shelters. While these pets await adoption, the blankets provide a comfortable bed year-round. When they are adopted, their blanket goes with them, providing something familiar as they adjust to their “forever family”.

The organization began in 2007, when their founder adopted “Anna” from the DuPage Animal Control Shelter (Wheaton, IL) and began making blankets for all the kittens which she couldn’t take home that day. They formalized as a NPO two years later, and began tracking their blanket shipments. “We expect to ship well over 10,000 blankets total this year, which to me is still just amazing,” says Kozlowski. “It’s all due to our dedicated volunteers. These are busy people who love animals. They take the time, and use their talents, to help pets they’ll never meet.”

Comfort for Critters is always looking for more volunteers. “We are in constant need of more volunteers, shipping funds, yarn and fleece,” says Kozlowski. “We can never have enough, and never waste a bit!” You can learn more about this organization by visiting their website at [www.ComfortForCritters.org](http://www.ComfortForCritters.org). You’ll find free patterns, a list of area shelters and many thank you notes from grateful shelters.

#### Contact information for media only:

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*3s139 Sequoia Drive – Glen Ellyn, IL 60137*

*Email: [info@ComfortForCritters.org](mailto:info@ComfortForCritters.org)*



## Special Yarn Shops

*These shops are special because they offer discounts to FVKG members*

### Elgin Knits Works (Point System for Discount)

8 Douglas Ave., Elgin

847-627-4700

<http://elginknitworks.com>

### Esther's Place (TBD)

201 W. Galena St. (Route 30), Big Rock

630-556-WOOL (9665)

[www.esthersplacefibers.com](http://www.esthersplacefibers.com)

### Fine Line (10% discount)

6N158 Crane Road, St. Charles

630-584-9443

[www.finelineca.org](http://www.finelineca.org)

### The Fold (10% discount)

3316 Millstream Road, Marengo

815-568-5320

### Knitche (10% off most yarns)

5150-B Main Street, Downers Grove

630-852-5648

<http://knitche.com/>

### Loopy Yarns (10% discount)

47 West Polk St., Chicago

312-583-9276

[www.loopyyarns.com](http://www.loopyyarns.com)

### Needle Things (20% off yarn, patterns, & notions)

426 South Third Street, Geneva

630-232-9915

### Wool and Company\*

107A West Main Street, St. Charles

630-444-0480

\* Inquire about Special Membership

[www.woolandcompany.com](http://www.woolandcompany.com)

### THANKS TO ALL

Thanks to all who submitted info for this publication.

## 2017 / 2018 FVKG Board Members

*President:* Lauren Orr

*Vice-President:* Program Co-Chairs

*Secretary:* Marianne Zeman

*Treasurer:* Jane Gabrielse

*Hospitality:* Bridget Christianson

*Membership:* Barbara Lewis

*Newsletter Editor:* Karen Haley

*Website:* Jenny Bezingue

If you need to contact a board member outside of a meeting, visit the members' section of [www.fvkg.com](http://www.fvkg.com) for individual contact information. The password is printed on the back of your guild membership card; it remains the same as last year.

To notify the guild at large, simply email [fvkg-news@gmail.com](mailto:fvkg-news@gmail.com) to have your note distributed. Be sure to allow at least 48 hours' advance notice.

## Fox Valley Knitters' Guild Mission Statement

*The purpose of the Fox Valley Knitters' Guild is to promote and foster an interest in knitting, to provide the opportunity for study and sharing to broaden one's skills, and to encourage high standards of design and technique in various forms of knitting.*

## Guild Meeting Agenda

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- 6:00 p.m. Set up
  - 6:30 p.m. Gather to knit
  - 7:00 p.m. Meeting begins:
    - Introduce new members/guests
    - Announcements/reports
    - Show and Tell
    - Door prizes
  - 7:30 p.m. Break
  - 7:45 p.m. Program
  - 9:00 p.m. Lights out